



# Carlsbad Conserves

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## Water Conservation

### Tips for Residents



THE CITY OF CARLSBAD Environmental Programs Division is committed to working together with the citizens of Carlsbad to effectively reduce our water consumption and conserve this precious resource. We encourage you to get involved:

#### 8 Ways to Save Water Inside

- Check your toilets, faucets and pipes for leaks.
- Stop using your toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket.
- Take shorter showers.
- Install water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors.
- Take baths. (A partially filled tub uses less water than all but the shortest of showers).
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or while shaving.
- Use your automatic dishwasher or washing machine only for full loads.
- If you wash dishes by hand, turn off the water between rinsing.

#### 9 Ways to Save Water Outside

- Water your lawn only when it needs it.
- Water during the cool part of the day, before 6 a.m. and after 8 p.m.
- Turn off sprinklers during rainstorms.
- Don't water the gutter, sidewalk or street.
- Plant drought-resistant trees and plants.
- Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks.
- Turn off the hose while washing your car.
- Check for leaks in pipes, hoses, faucets and couplings.

#### Water Use Audits Offered

Carlsbad Municipal Water District customers can call (760) 602-7585

### Rebates for Residents

Carlsbad Environmental Programs, [www.carlsbadconserves.org](http://www.carlsbadconserves.org)

Residents, get money back on clothes washers, toilets, smart controllers, sprinkler nozzles and synthetic turf!

- It just got easier through the new SoCal-Water\$mart program launched by Metropolitan Water District and its member public agencies on July 1, 2008. Learn more by visiting [www.bewaterwise.com](http://www.bewaterwise.com) and click on the Rebates tab.
- High-Efficiency Clothes Washers (HEW) use 65% less water, 55% less energy, and less detergent; clean better; and are gentler on clothes than standard clothes washers. The above rebate program offers a rebate of up to \$185.
- High-efficiency Toilets save more than 60% every time you flush. Pre-1981 toilets use five to seven gallons of water per flush, compared to the 1.28 to 1.6 gallons per flush used by HETs. The above rebate program offers a rebate of up to \$200 and up to \$30 for a high-efficiency toilet upgrade. For more detailed information call 1-888-376-3314.
- A "Smart" or Weather-based Irrigation Controller can be an effective technology for reducing water usage outdoors. The "smart" controller uses weather data and site information such as plant type and sprinkler system output to adjust watering times and frequency. Professional installation is recommended. The rebate

amount for single-family sites less than one acre is \$230 and \$630 for one acre or larger.

- Synthetic Turf can replace irrigated vegetation and may significantly reduce your outdoor watering needs. A 50¢ per square foot incentive is available.
- Rotating Nozzle rebates are offered through this program at a rate of up to \$4 per rotating nozzle for single-family properties.



# Storm Water Protection



Conserving  
water  
helps  
protect  
our  
storm  
drains...

MANY WATER CONSERVING ACTIONS also help protect our storm drains which in turn help to keep our creeks, lagoons, and ocean pollution-free. The majority of water pollution comes from common materials such as oil, fuel, and fluids leaked from cars, soaps from washing our cars, lawn and garden fertilizers, and sediments from a lack of erosion control. YOU have the power!

You could avoid over-irrigating lawns and gardens. Excessive watering washes fertilizers and pesticides into gutters and storm drains AND wastes water.

You could use a broom, not a hose. Rather than hosing off sidewalks, parking areas and garages which forces pollutants into our storm drains AND wastes water, sweep up yard waste and debris and dispose of them in appropriate trash receptacles.

You could take your car to a commercial car wash that recycles water. Washing vehicles at home results in soap in our storm drains AND wastes water.

## ...THEN ACT!

YOUR EVERYDAY ACTIONS  
IMPACT OUR ENVIRONMENT!

Storm drains flow directly into our creeks, lagoons and ocean without filtration. Storm drains and sewers are not connected. Prevent soap suds, pet waste, paint and pesticides from entering storm drains or soon they will be contaminating our water ways. For a clean environment, keep it out of the street! Think about it – rainwater should be the only thing going down in this town.

## Recycling Tips

SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTS are supplied with green and blue crates for the separation of their recyclable materials. The following materials can be placed in the green recyclable bin:

- Aluminum: beverage cans and foil
- Plastic: Beverage containers with recycling symbols #1-7, and non-beverage containers with #1, 2 and 7.
- Glass: jars and bottles
- Tin: food cans

*All material needs to be emptied, clean and/or rinsed.*

Additional containers for curbside service may be requested by calling Waste Management, Inc. at (760) 929-9400. Waste Management has a buyback center located at 5960 El Camino Real.

Hours are Tuesday – Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Redeemable items include newspaper, CRV aluminum, glass, plastic 1-7 and bi-metal cans. The buyback center is closed for lunch.



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